Amendments to the Specification

On page 11, replace the third full paragraph with the following paragraph:

-- Also enclosed within the vacuum jacket 2 is a unit indicated generally by the reference numeral 5 (see more especially Figure 2). The unit 5 has a planar face 6, a part-cylindrical face 7 and a circular base 8, the portion of which extending beyond the bottom (as shown in Figures 1 and 2) edges of faces 6 and 7 supports the candle 1. In a mid-upper portion of the planar face 6 are perforations 9, and in the mid-portion of the face 6 is an aperture having an upper rectangular portion 10 and below it a part-circular portion 11. Within the upper portion of the unit 5, supported on bearings (not shown) is a shaft 12, the lower end of which (see more especially Figures 3 and 4) carries an ignition means 5a including an abrasion wheel indicated generally by the reference numeral 13 and a friction wheel 14. The abrasion wheel 13 has teeth 15 extending around about 300° of its circumference, the remaining 60° segment being cut away to leave a flat surface 16. The teeth 15 are inclined, as in a ratchet wheel, for a purpose explained below.--

On page 12, replace the third full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

-- Referring now again to Figure 1, the candle 1 is in the form of a cylinder having a cross-section other than circular, and advantageously has a cross-section in the form a major segment of a circle. The candle 1 includes a

flat surface 1a defined by a chord of the circle. The candle 1 has an ignition region, for example, a central element 50 positioned opposite aperture portions 10 and 11 in the unit 5. The element 50 of candle 1 has in ~~its flat face~~ the flat surface 1a adjacent to the apertures 10 and 11 a hemispherical primer 52 comprising, in addition to the oxygen-supplying material and fuel that are in the remainder of the element 50, an oxidizing agent. Above and below the element 50 are elements 54 having a lower proportion of fuel. More remote from the element 50 than the elements 54 are elements 56 having no fuel.--